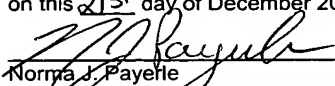


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Sir:

As a preliminary amendment in the attached patent application, the Applicant hereby amends the claims as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.